

House Resolution 1661

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Camilo Benitez; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Camilo Benitez has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the most distinguished
3 rank conferred by the Boy Scouts of America; and

4 WHEREAS, a candidate for the most exceptional award in scouting must complete a
5 rigorous program of training and demonstrate his proficiency in selected scouting techniques
6 and attainment of the highest ideals of scouting; and

7 WHEREAS, only one scout out of 97 ever reaches this lofty level of achievement, and
8 Camilo has ably evidenced his aptitude and competency in mastering the various special
9 skills taught through the Boy Scout program; and

10 WHEREAS, this hard-working young man is a member of Troop 797 and has demonstrated
11 great leadership skills and initiative during his years with the Boy Scouts of America
12 program; and

13 WHEREAS, born in Medellin, Colombia, Camilo moved to the United States at the age of
14 ten with his parents and sister during the summer of 2003, knowing only a few words of
15 English; and

16 WHEREAS, Camilo's interest in scouting was triggered as a result of participating in School
17 Night for Scouting at Brumby Elementary School and eventually joined Troop 797 in
18 October, 2004, with the help from volunteer Enrique Molinet and Scoutmaster Bill Russell;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, he earned the rank of first class by the summer of 2005 and attended the Boy
21 Scouts of America National Jamboree, where he had the opportunity to meet President
22 George W. Bush as part of the Boy Scouts of America's annual Report to the Nation; and

23 WHEREAS, a dedicated scout, Camilo has attended all three Boy Scouts of America High
24 Adventure bases, served as a page at the state capitol, and excelled academically and
25 athletically as a member of his school's wrestling, track, and cross country teams; and

26 WHEREAS, Camilo has truly exhibited a commitment to the scouting principles of honesty
27 and fairness and has consistently conducted himself in a manner becoming an Eagle Scout;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the perseverance and determination displayed by this exceptional young leader
30 is an example for all Georgians, and great success is surely in this young man's future.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Camilo Benitez for his diligence and dedication in
33 pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him on
34 attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Camilo Benitez.